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August Nineteenth

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The second regular Meeting of City Council was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: Ruby B. Archie, P. A. "Pete" Castiglione, Jr., E. Stokes Daniels, Jr., Mayor John C. Hamlin, T. David Luther, Albert K. "Buddy" Rawley, Jr., Sherman M. Saunders, H. Phillip Smith and Vice-Mayor R. Wayne Williams, Jr. (9)

Administrative Staff Members present were City Manager Jerry L. Gwaltney, Deputy City Manager M. Lyle Lacy, III, City Attorney Timothy R. Spencer, Finance Director Aubrey D. Dodson, Budget Director Cynthia L. Thomasson, and Clerk of the Council Annette Y. Crane, CMC.

Other Staff Members present were Public Works Director Rick Drazenovich, Human Services Director Gwendolyn Edwards, Community Development Director Jerry Fischer, Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director John Gilstrap, Information Technology Director Kerry Goode, Assistant City Manager for Utilities Joe King, GIS Director Inez Pollok, and Emergency Services Director Doug Young.

Mayor Hamlin presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Rawley offered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Hamlin recognized Emergency Services Director Doug Young and Meteorologist in Charge of Blacksburg National Weather Service Office Dave Wert. Mr. Wert presented Mayor Hamlin, City Manager Gwaltney and Emergency Services Director Doug Young with plaques certifying the City of Danville as a "StormReady Community." Mr. Wert said that Danville is the first community in the State to receive such certification. He credited Mayor Hamlin, Mr. Gwaltney and Mr. Young for the hard work and efforts in training city staff and maintaining good warning systems. Director Young said signs would be posted at each entrance into the City indicating that Danville is a "StormReady Community." Mayor Hamlin and City Manager Gwaltney credited Doug Young and department staff members for all their assistance and efforts in obtaining the designation for Danville.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

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Mayor Hamlin recognized Rev. Cecil Bridgeforth. Rev. Bridgeforth requested that City Council as a body visit Danville neighborhoods that are plagued with activities that cause residents to feel uncomfortable in their homes. He said those residents needed to know that City government as a whole was concerned about what happens to them. He said he appreciated the police officers who patrol the areas, but felt an unexpected visit from City Council and other City officials could make even more of a difference. In response to Mrs. Archie, Rev. Bridgeforth said that some trailer courts and inner City areas such as Almgro needed attention.

Mayor Hamlin expressed appreciation to Rev. Bridgeforth for bringing his concerns to Council's attention.

MINUTES

Upon Motion by Council Member Rawley and second by Council Member Archie, Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 5, 2003 were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

BUDGET ADOPTION-FY 2003-04-SUMMER RECREATION SERVICES

Upon Motion by Council Member Castiglione and second by Council Member Rawley, Ordinance No. 2003-08.06 presented by its First Reading on August 5, 2003 amending the 2003-2004 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by increasing anticipated revenues for a donation for providing summer recreation services to underprivileged low income youth and appropriating such funds was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Rawley, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (9).
NAY: None (0).

BUDGET ADOPTION-FY 2003-04-EMERGENCY OPERATIONS GRANT

Upon Motion by Council Member Smith and second by Vice-Mayor Williams, Ordinance No. 2003-08.07 presented by its First Reading on August 5, 2003 amending the 2003-2004 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to provide for a grant in the amount of \$14,024 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Local All-Hazards Emergency Operations Planning Grant Program to enhance our ongoing local Emergency Planning Program and developing strategies for overall local preparedness was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Rawley, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (9).
NAY: None (0).

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BUDGET ADOPTION-FY 2003-04-EMERGENCY RESPONSE (CERT)

Upon Motion by Council Member Smith and second by Council Member Archie, Ordinance No. 2003-08.08 presented by its First Reading on August 5, 2003 amending the 2003-2004 Budget Appropriation to provide for a grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Grant Program to help train people to be better prepared and assist with emergency situations in their neighborhoods was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Rawley, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (9).
NAY: None (0).

BUDGET ADOPTION-FY 2003-04-CITIZEN CORP GRANT PROGRAM

Upon Motion by Council Member Daniels and second by Council Member Castiglione, Ordinance No. 2003-08.09 presented by its First Reading on August 5, 2003 amending the 2003-2004 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to provide for a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Citizen Corp Grant Program to help promote citizen participation by identifying volunteer opportunities to support local emergency management and emergency response personnel was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Rawley, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (9).
NAY: None (0).

AUTHORIZE SALE-REFUNDING BONDS-SERIES 2003A AND SERIES 2003B

Vice-Mayor Williams moved the adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-08.07

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES OF 2003A, IN A MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000, AND GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES OF 2003B, IN A MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000, OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, DETAILS AND PAYMENT THEREOF, AND PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE CITY.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and adopted by the following vote:

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VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Rawley, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (9).
NAY: None (0).

In response to Council Member Smith, City Manager Gwaltney said the City should realize approximately \$600,000 in savings by the bond refunding, if interest rates remain steady.

BUDGET AMENDMENT-FY 2003-04-VIRGINIA COMMISSION OF ARTS

Upon Motion by Council Member Archie and second by Council Member Smith, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-08.10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2003-2004 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A VIRGINIA COMMISSION OF THE ARTS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR A TOTAL GRANT OF \$10,000

was presented by its First Reading, as required by City Charter to lie over before final adoption.

COMMUNITY SERVICES PERFORMANCE CONTRACT - 2003-2004

Council Member Council Member Castiglione moved the adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-08.08

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-04 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT FOR DANVILLE-PITTSYLVANIA COMMUNITY SERVICES.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Archie and adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Rawley, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (9).
NAY: None (0).

Council Member Archie, a former Board Member of the Community Services Board, expressed her gratitude to Executive Director Lenard Lackey for excellent service to Danville and surrounding areas.

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Council Member Castiglione expressed appreciation to Mr. Lackey for the outstanding service to area citizens. Mr. Castiglione said the organization was an asset to the community and thanked Mr. Lackey for extending services to students at Danville Community College when needed.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications from the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Archie advised the Danville Schools held a convocation recently. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Williams Torok presented four “why nots,” which were of utmost importance. Mrs. Archie reported that she and City Manager Gwaltney were in attendance. She wished all teachers and employees of the Danville City School system a happy and successful year. Mrs. Archie commended Emergency Services Director Young and everyone who had a part in the designation of Danville as a “StormReady Community. She thanked Rev. Bridgeforth for the invitation to Council Members to visit certain neighborhoods and said she hoped Council would accept the invitation to do so.

Council Member Castiglione expressed pride at the City’s “StormReady” designation. He said the designation was something that was good for our citizens’ quality of life and that it was a great marketing tool as well. He congratulated Director Young and the Fire and Police Departments and said he felt the City had the best departments in the State.

Council Member Daniels congratulated Doug Young and asked City Manager Gwaltney to clarify what it means to the average citizen to be “StormReady.” Mr. Gwaltney explained that the City’s Emergency Management Team, which includes the Emergency Services, Public Works, Fire and Police Departments, takes part in certain exercises and assessments to make certain each department is prepared in the event of an emergency.

Council Member Smith asked that the issue of what to do about dilapidated housing in the City be discussed in the upcoming Work Session

The Meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

MAYOR

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CLERK